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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (a) as being anticipated by Ohtsuji et al. (US 20020156570A1).

Regarding claims 1 and 7, Ohtsuji et al. directs to an audio interactive navigation system for motor vehicle comprising: an off-vehicle information storage device which is the management unit (309) of the audio interactive server (105) (Ohtsuji et al, figure 1 and figure 3). The information stored in the management unit (309) includes individual information for each user, and that the information is used as reference for generation of an audio interactive model characterized for each user at the time of service (Ohtsuji et al, page 3, paragraph 0048). The car terminal device, as shown in figure 1 and in paragraph 0036, communicates with the audio interactive server (105) via the telephone line (112). Therefore, Ohtsuji et al. reads on the limitations "an off-vehicle information storage device in which a plurality of different types of information to be provided to a plurality of on-vehicle apparatuses, via a telephone lines, are store". Ohtsuji et al.

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further teaches “an interactive voice response device configured to allow a user to customize audio guidance used in a subsequent dialogue with the user through an automatic voice response via the telephone line (Ohtsuji et al, abstract; figure 1; page 2, paragraph 0032, the unit 101 realizes user’s voice input). Ohtsuji et al. further teaches “an information acquisition device configured to obtain information from the off-vehicle information storage device based upon the dialogue between the user and the interactive voice response device” (Ohtsuji et al, figure 1, audio interactive server 105); and an information transmission device configured to transmit the information obtained by the information acquisition device to at least one of the plurality of on-vehicle apparatuses (Ohtsuji et al., figure 1, communication device 111).

As to claim 2, Ohtsuji et al. further teaches that the interactive voice response device which is the voice recognition processing unit of the car terminal device (100) (Ohtsuji et al, paragraph 0032), and that an audio guidance is edited based upon the individual information that is stored in the database (310) at the server (105) (Ohtsuji et al, page 3, paragraph 0048).

As to claims 3 and 5, Ohtsuji et al. further teaches that the car terminal device (100) includes a speaker (102) that provides audio guidance to a user and to prompt the user a type of information. Ohtsuji et al. additionally teaches “the interactive voice response device provides audio guidance to prompt the user to specify whether or not the user wishes to receive a pre-registered type of information”. For example, after the first voice output received from the audio interactive server (105) for obtaining a request of the user such as “what”, the user then provides an audio guidance such as “Route

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assistance, please" in order to specify that the user wishes to receive the route guidance assistance (Ohtsuji et al., page 4, paragraph 0061).

As to claim 4, Ohtsuji et al. further teaches "the interactive voice response device tabulates information provided to a given user in the past and provides audio guidance customized for the user based upon tabulation results" (Ohtsuji et al., page 3, paragraph 0048).

As to claim 6, Ohtsuji et al. further teaches "a dialog contents storage device in which contents of a dialogue conducted between the user and the interactive voice response device when providing information to the user are stored, wherein the dialog contents stored in the dialogue contents storage device are indicated to the user" (Ohtsuji et al., figure 1, page 4, paragraph 0062, the car terminal device communicates with the interactive server (105) in which the user dialog contents are stored).

Response to Arguments

The applicant's request for continued examination has been fully considered. However, the application cannot be placed in a condition of allowance because the cited prior art still reads on the limitations of the claims (1-7).

Ohtsuji directs to an audio interactive navigation system including the elements for an interactive voice response. For example, car terminal device (100), mike (101) for realizing voice input, a speaker (102) for providing audible response to user. These device allows user to customize the audio guidance used in a subsequent dialogue with the user through an automatic voice response via a telephone line (see paragraph 0061).

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Conclusions

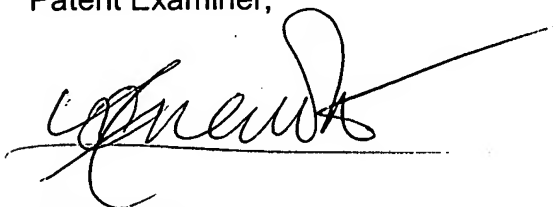
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan C To whose telephone number is (571) 272-6985. The examiner can normally be reached on from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on 571-272-6878.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patent Examiner,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tuan C To', is written over a horizontal line.

Tuan C To

April 14, 2007